

## Declaration and Power of Attorney

As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Torch Glassware For Use With Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectrometer (File No. 03141-P0353B WWW/TMO), the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief the facts stated therein are true.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37. Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

## None

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the following United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this Application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filling date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filling date of this application.

## None

I hereby claim the priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of the following United States provisional application(s) listed below:

United States Application No. 60/175,988 Filed January 13, 2000

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true;

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and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are purishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may journable the validity of the application or any patent is sued thereon.

Thereby appoint Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr., Registration No. 33,558, and Todd M. Oberdick, Registration No. 44,268, of ST.ONGE STEWARD JOHNSTON & REENS LLC: 986 Bedford Street; Stamford, Connecticut, 96905-5619; Telephone (203) 324,8155, with full power of substitution, association and revocation, as attorney(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Tradernark Office connected therewith.

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